

Mount Rainier National Park

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# **Mount Rainier National Park** Media Advisory

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## Historic Paradise Inn Reopens After Major Rehabilitation

Mount Rainier project highlights effort to restore America's national parks

#### What

The National Park Service is celebrating the grand reopening of the Paradise Inn, a National Historic Landmark Inn located at Mount Rainier National Park.

The park and its project partners invite you to tour the Paradise Inn, the newly renovated Annex, and interview key subject matter experts. You will learn how the Inn has remained a premier visitor destination for over 1.5 million people annually.

## When Friday, May 17, 2019

11:00 - 11:45 am	Opening Ceremony
	-NPS and Partner remarks
	-Columbia Crest A-STEM Academy
	-Tribal blessing
Noon - 1:00 pm	Media Tours of Paradise Inn
Noon - 2:00 pm	Key principals for the project will be available for interviews

#### Where

Mount Rainier National Park is located in western Washington state, about one and a half hours southeast of Tacoma and two and a half hours from Seattle.

The Paradise Inn is located 19 miles inside the southwest (Nisqually) entrance of Mount Rainier National Park, in the Paradise Historic District.

## Who Rainier Guest Services

Gerard T. Gabrys, Chief Executive
Officer of Guest Services

## Columbia Crest A-STEM Academy

Mount Rainier's Affiliated Tribes

Students

#### **Korsmo Construction**

John S. Korsmo Jr., Owner

## **National Park Service**

Chip Jenkins, Superintendent Jared Infanger, Historical Architect Ray Todd, Director of NPS Denver Service Center

## Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

Dr. Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer/ Executive Director

### Why

The Paradise Inn is a nationally significant cultural resource, and is a contributing structure in the Mount Rainier National Historic Landmark District. The restoration of the Inn represents a \$24.5 million investment to address Mount Rainier National Park's maintenance backlog while ensuring high quality visitor experiences for generations to come.

#### How

Send an email to MORA Superintendent@nps.gov if you plan to attend. A link to the media kit will be emailed to media attendees on May 15.

## **Photo/Video Opportunities**

- Opening Ceremony involving VIPs, school children, local tribes
- Media only opportunities
- Interviews with project principals
- Historic Inn exterior, lobby and dining room
- Renovated guest rooms, structural elements
- Paradise Inn Historic District

Visit our website for information on Mount Rainier National Park and the history of Paradise Inn.